

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (New): A general-purpose computer having a central processing unit which can decode data stored in an internal storage mechanism as instructed by a program stored in said internal storage mechanism, comprising:

a loading mechanism, which is integrally arranged on a case of said general-purpose computer, for detachably accommodating an external storage card;

a decoding mechanism configured to decode data read from said external storage card;

a reproduction mechanism configured to reproduce the decoded data decoded by said decoding mechanism; and

a power controller that supplies power to said general-purpose computer, wherein said power controller supplies power to said decoding mechanism and said reproduction mechanism even if power from a power supply of said general-purpose computer is turned off.

Claim 13 (New): The general-purpose computer according to Claim 12, further comprising:

a cross-authentication mechanism configured to cross-authenticate said external storage card through said loading mechanism; and

a control mechanism for supplying copyrighted data read from said external storage card to said reproducing mechanism upon successful cross-authentication by said cross-authentication mechanism,

wherein said power controller supplies power to said cross-authentication mechanism and said control mechanism even if a power supply of said general-purpose computer turns off.

Claim 14 (New): The general-purpose computer according to Claim 12, wherein when said external storage card has been cross-authenticated with said general-purpose computer, an external storage card control mechanism plays copyrighted music data on a portable music playing device by connecting said external storage card to said portable music playing device.

Claim 15 (New): The general-purpose computer according to Claim 12, wherein in an inactive state in which no electric power is supplied to said general-purpose computer, an external storage card control mechanism reads copyrighted data from said external storage card and supplies said copyrighted data to a portable music playing device.

Claim 16 (New): The general-purpose computer according to Claim 15, further comprising:

a display means for displaying an operation of at least one of said external storage card control mechanism and said portable music playing device when said general purpose computer is in said inactive state in which no electric power is supplied to said general-purpose computer.

Claim 17 (New): The general-purpose computer according to Claim 12, wherein a function equivalent to a portable music playing device is realized by executing, by a

controller of said general-purpose computer, a program stored in said internal storage mechanism of said general-purpose computer.

Claim 18 (New): The general-purpose computer according to Claim 12, wherein said internal storage mechanism is a hard drive.